

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, line 7:

Figs 2 and 3 illustrate the mechanism by which the strip 10 with studs 12 is expanded and contracted from and into a channel 18 formed in the tread 14. A ferrule 20 from channel 18 (under strip 10) is projected through the tire casing where it is connected to an air line 22. Air line 22 is adhered to the inner wall of the tire casing 38 and extends along the side wall to a designated position where at the air line is connected to a second ferrule 24 which provides air passage through the wall to atmosphere. As illustrated in Figs. 1-3, the designated position of ferrule 24 is adjacent to and outward of a bead portion 37 of tire 16 and of rim 36 in which the bead 37 is seated.

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